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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19-21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7-8,10,12-14,16,18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,6,9 and 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____ 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Amendment filed on February 11, 2002 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1,3-5,7-8,10,12-14,16,18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by MacKenna et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,319,753).

Regarding claims 1, 5, 8,16, MacKenna et al. discloses an electronic system (Figure 1) comprising:

a processor (10);

a memory having more than one memory location (30, Column 2, lines 26-39,

Figure 4); and

a bus (800) connecting the processor to the memory, wherein the bus comprises:

a data bus transmitting data (Figure 1) ;

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an address bus for identifying a first memory location (Figure 1, Column 4, lines 44-55);

a main command bus (Column 1, lines 51-59) for transmitting a first command that relates to the first memory location; and

a supplementary command bus for transferring a second command is a the second command does not relate to the first memory location (Column 1, lines 60-67).

Regarding claims 3-4, 7, 10,13-14,18, MacKenna et al. disclose the main command bus transfers location-specific commands, and the supplementary command bus transfers only general commands (Column 1, lines 51-65) as claims 3-4, 7, 10,12-14,18 disclose.

5. Claims 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nitta et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,831,924).

Regarding claims 11-15, Nitta et al. disclose a memory having an interface comprises a general command interface configure to receive a general command, wherein the general command is a precharge command (Column 18, lines 50-54) , and the memory includes more than one bank, and the interface further comprises a general bank select interface configured to receive address information for the general command (Column 20, lines 60-64) as claims 11-13 disclose, and memory including a one-bit Precharge input dedicated to receiving a precharge command (Column 30, lines 42-45) as claims 14-15 disclose.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2, 6,9,17 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2,6,9,17 include allowable subject matter since the prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations. MacKenna et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,319,753), and others, does not teach the claimed invention having a second is a precharge command, and the supplementary bus comprises a one-bit bus.

7. Claims 19-21 are allowed.

Claims 19-21 include allowable subject matter since the prior art made of record and considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations. MacKenna et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,319,753), and others, does not teach the claimed invention having a supplementary control circuit as claim 19 disclose, and a method of accessing a memory as claims 20-21 disclose.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thong Q. Le whose telephone number is 703-306-9123. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David C. Nelms can be reached on 703-308-4910. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9318 for regular communications and 703-872-9319 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-306-3329.



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